

6. Kangra (Pong Dam)

S.T.D. Facility to Village Panchayats in Gujarat

1885. **SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide STD facility to every village Panchayat in Gujarat, Particularly in Vadodra district;

(b) whether villagers of Panchayat have to pay subsidised charges for using STD facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Government have planned to provide telephone facility to all the village Panchayats in the country including Vadodra district in Gujarat progressively by 31.3.1995 subject to availability of resources.

A proposal to provide STD facility on above telephones and the charges to be paid is under consideration.

[Translation]

Purchase of Aircrafts by Indian Airlines and Air India

1886. **SHRISURYA NARAYAN YADAV:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and types of Aeroplanes purchased by the Indian Airlines and the Air India during last year and proposed to be purchased during the current year;

(b) the amount of payment to be made

as a Lease tariff for each of the Aeroplanes and the details of the payment made in foreign exchange; and

(c) the details of the terms and conditions of 'Putta' in regard to the maintenance and operation of the Aeroplanes and the employees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During 1991 both Air India and Indian Airlines have not acquired any aircraft. There are no proposals for purchase of any aircraft during the current year also.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[English]

Operation of International Flight from Calcutta

1887. **SHRI HARADHAN ROY:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new International flight service is likely to be operated from the Calcutta Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). KLM is expected a service to/from Calcutta during the course of this year.

Power Crisis

1888. **DR. R. MALLU:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether country is seriously lagging behind in power generation; if so, the targets